

# Usarufa language

**Usarufa** is a Kainantu language spoken by the people of the same name in Papua New Guinea. It belongs to the Gauwa branch of the Kainantu family of the Kainantu–Goroka languages. The language area consists of six villages: Moife, Imikori, Irafo, Kagu, Agura 1, and Agura 2. Its ISO 639 code is *usa*.

As of 2009, the language was reported to have had about 1200 speakers and no fluent speakers below the age of 25, which makes it an endangered language.

## See also

- Vida Chenoweth, who studied the Usarufa music
- Aikuma, mobile software for language recording, first used to record Usarufa

## References

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## External links

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- OLAC Resources in and about the Usarufa Language (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/usa>)
- Bird, Steven. "Experiencing language death" (<http://languageelog.ldc.upenn.edu/nll/?p=1528>). *Language Log*. Retrieved 2009-06-26.
- Paradisec has a collection of Stephen A Wurm's materials (SAW3 ([http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?language\\_code=kmx](http://catalog.paradisec.org.au/collections/search?language_code=kmx))) that include Usarufa materials.

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Usarufa	
<b>Region</b>	Okapa District, Eastern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea
<b>Native speakers</b>	1,300 (1996) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Trans–New Guinea <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Kainantu–Goroka<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kainantu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gauwa<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Usarufa</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	usa
<b>Glottolog</b>	usal243 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/lanuoid/id/usal243">http://glottolog.org/resource/lanuoid/id/usal243</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>
<div><span></span><div>Imikori Village, from Moife Hill</div></div>	